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Long May It Wave

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Let us then stand by the constitution as it is, and by our country as it is, one, united, and entire; let it be a truth engraven on our hearts; let it be borne on the flag under which we rally in every exigency. We have one country, one constitution, one destiny.—Daniel Webster.

## Introductory.

As was noticed in the issue of last week, a change had been made in the management of the paper, on account of the fact that Engemann Bros., for the past two years, publishers of the Belding News, had purchased from Embree B. (Judge) Pham and James M. Langston, a controlling interest in the Banner Publishing Co. and had combined the publication of the Banner and the News in the one paper, christening the Banner-News, hoping thereby to make of it one still greater paper, neither of the two publications, silent though they had been in the

more than 1,200 readers of former News the new management is no introduction, as we feel as we belonged to one great family—elves the ones in the family as business it was to chronicle bring home to our associates, the earnings and news of the day. Well, we succeeded in fulfilling part in the work is up to your agent, dear News readers, but verbal and written testimonials you at various times gave us, felt well rewarded and you can assure that we will at all times be future to our level best to give an even better paper than the old News.

the many new friends and readers of the former Banner, whose assistance we make through the purchase of a controlling interest in the Banner Publishing Co., we extend the hand of fellowship, trusting that best and warmest feeling of friendship may always prevail between publisher and reader.

Fortunately—and due to our old Uncle Sam being busily engaged in rolling up his sleeves preparatory to taking Willie Hohenzolver his knee and applying the service, stationed as instructor in the naval rifle range at Burnie, Maryland, and he will sent from the business until the war is over and he can come one of the victorious millions of the world safe for democracy and decency—either that, or offer up his life on the altar in the effort to make condonable to all the peoples of the world.

J. Engemann upon whom falls the duty of acquainting the readers of the new management, is one of the publishers of the old News and always be found on the job to all to be proud of.

on in and let us get acquainted. We will say that the subscription will be \$1.50 and that where people have had two papers the accounts are most satisfactory. At any time you have any comments to make, please let us have them and we will endeavor to make things and better them the way we can.

Let us also take this opportunity to thank the many friends, men and the banks for helping the merging of the two papers and assure them that their appreciation and that we will endeavor to work for the welfare and interest of all.

ENGEMANN BROS.  
Editors and Publishers.

## BARTONVILLE

Mr. and Mrs. Will Day, of Caledonia, were the Sunday guests of his brother, Clyde Day and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Clair Norton and Earl Norton and wife spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Albert Pulhemus, of Greenville.

Laura Gardner, Cora Davis, Ola Purdy, Bessie Lee, Nellie Norton and Josie Kohn represented the L. O. T. M. from this vicinity at Ionia, last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Olds visited at Glen Lee's Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Kohn and daughter, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kemp, of Miriam, Sunday. The vicinity was greatly shocked to hear the sad news flashed over the telephone, last Thursday, that Fred Condon had passed away very suddenly, while out in the field at work. The funeral was largely attended by relatives and friends. The bereaved wife was a former Bartonville girl and all extend their sympathy to her in her sad bereavement.

Mr. and Mrs. Clair Norton motored to Palo, Saturday, to visit Mrs. Norton's mother who is sick.

## Tell Rooster From Pullet

"You ask how we may tell roosters from pullets. Well, about the best method is the one advanced by an old lady, who said: 'Mix some meal and water, and when the chickens are a few days old drop a little in front of them. If he eats it, it's a rooster; if she eats it, it's a pullet.'"

## Belding Gets Honor Flag.

Mayor E. E. Fales has received the following letter from County Chairman Fred W. Green together with the Honor flag mentioned. The flag will be hung up in the city hall. May 25, 1918.

"Elmer E. Fales, Mayor, Belding, Michigan.  
"My Dear Elmer: I am pleased to be able to forward you an honor flag for your own. This is in recognition of the fact that you have over subscribed the amount allotted to you in the last Liberty bond sale. You did splendid work and it has reflected great credit not only on yourselves, but also on Ionia county and the state of Michigan as well.  
"Very respectfully,  
"FRED W. GREEN."

## JAMES L. FOWLE DEAD

James L. Fowle, aged 78 years, and secretary of the Farmer's Mutual Fire Insurance Co., of Ionia, died at his Ionia home Tuesday morning. He was a veteran of the Civil war and had many acquaintances here.

## Near Drowning In River

A near drowning took place in the river alongside of the city park, last Sunday afternoon at about three o'clock, all on account of some young boys who were out in a canoe, attempting to have some fun with the craft by rocking it. Assistance was given the young fellow in need and he escaped with nothing more serious than a good wetting of his feathers.

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## SOLDIER BOYS IN FRANCE AND CAMP WRITE HOME

make darn good men. I am now assigned to a company of Michigan boys now as instructor. I don't know just how long I will be with the company but there are some awful good boys in same, however no one I knew at home. They shift me around a lot from one company to another. Sturgis is now with me in the same company. There are four of us together; we live in a tent and have things fixed up rather nice. Did you ever get the souvenirs I sent from Paris by American Express? I guess you have seen by the picture I sent you that I have lost weight. I am now about 25 pounds lighter but I feel fine and so far the army life has agreed with me fine. I have never heard anything from Curtis or Wester? I am just wondering if they ever came over. Grant Weeks is in a nice branch of the service and he will have sure good experiences. Kummeler is over here now but I haven't seen him and probably won't. I am still with the French army and probably will be for the duration. I received the letter from Kathleen and if I remember correctly I wrote her at the time, didn't I? Well there isn't much news I can give you except what you see in the papers and even if I am unable to write most of that I will keep my letters coming and if you miss one don't worry because I am all O. K. and it will be because I haven't the time or place to write or a delay in the mail. Write often and send the papers. I will look up the package stunt and let you know what to do in regard to same. From your affectionate son,  
Hugo.

Mr. and Mrs. Eli Lowden of Crawford street, have also received a letter from their son, Frank, who recently enlisted at Grand Rapids, which letter is as follows and which the Banner-News is indeed glad to publish:

## Filled Local Pulpit.

Rev. Robert Dalzell of Imlay City occupied the pulpit of the Congregational church and gave excellent sermons both morning and evening Sunday.

He came as a candidate for the pulpit and the church and society will consider giving him a call to the pastorate at a meeting to be held later.

## School Life

Saturday the track team will go to Ionia to contest for track honors in the annual track and field meet. Belding won the meet and relay cups last year and is going to put up a strong fight to win them again this year. It is hoped that a large body of loyal rooters will go to give the team the proper support.

Notice: All the Ionia field meet students and all others who wish to boost for B. H. S. will please take seats in the middle of the grandstand. Decoration day the Greenville high school team will play Belding at Leonard park. Greenville has a good team this year which has defeated Ionia by a close score and promises to put up a good game. Game called at 2:30 p. m. Admission: Students, 15c; others, 25c.

All aboard for Field day. Last Friday's game with Ionia was anybody's game until the last of the 9th inning when the final score, 20 to 18, stood in favor of Ionia. The grounds were wet and the ball was slippery so that neither pitcher was able to pitch anything but straight balls, consequently it was a contest to see which team could get the most hits and keep their errors down.

## Grattan Grange

Next meeting of Grattan Grange will be Thursday evening, June 6; at this time Vergennes grange will meet with us and furnish the program and ice cream and cake will be served by our home grange. So let us go "over the top" in attendance at this meeting and show our appreciation. If possible bring a new member and help a bit toward a service flag for our grange.

## Dedicated Service Flag.

A goodly number of people were present at the dedication of the service flag at the Baptist church last Sunday evening at which time the church's service flag containing eight stars, was dedicated. Rev. Biss and F. A. Washburn gave good appropriate talks, Don Cook read a fine poem, entitled "The Service Flag" and the choir rendered splendid music and singing.

Very Rare. "Do you see that young fellow working hard over there?" said the manager of a factory. "He's made up his mind that one day he is going to get my job away from me." "Is that so?" said the visitor. "I shouldn't think you'd keep him around here, then." "Great Scott, man! I'd be very lucky if every fellow in this factory had the same idea!"

## Card of Thanks.

We desire to thank our many neighbors, friends and relatives for the acts of kindness and sympathy extended and for the beautiful floral offerings in our late bereavement; also the singers and the Rev. Ellis for the words of comfort spoken. Mrs. Fred Condon and daughter, Mildred. Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Condon. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Joslin.

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7 pkgs. Corn Flakes	25c
3 lbs. Monarch 40c Coffee	75c
New Cabbage, per lb	4c
5 dozen Clothes Pins	8c
1 lb. Nut Oleo	33c
Large Dill Pickles, per dozen	15c



## A Good Barn a Patriotic Duty

FEED is expensive nowadays. Every possible ounce of it must be converted into beef or milk or working energy for the teams.

Stock lacking the protection of a good barn consume most of their feed in fighting the cold—or lacking the cool refuge of a properly insulated barn during the heat of summer, become indisposed and lose weight.

Feed converted into animal heat doesn't make beef or milk or money—it doesn't help to win the war.

The essentials of a good barn are good materials, proper construction, light, air and insulation.

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## Takes His Annual.

G. O. Bignell is taking his annual—no, not bath, but fishing trip, having left for Peacock, Friday, in company with his son, Andrew Bignell with the expectation of getting a good lot of the speckled beauties.

## K. P. Notice.

Regular meeting and also last meeting of season, Tuesday, June 4. Music, light refreshments and a good time. All members are requested to be present as there is important business to be taken care of. Fred A. Haynes, C. C.



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